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A PERSONAL NOTE: I am revising my publication and club list, my OTR rebroadcast list, and my dealer's chart. I have been sending these out to all new subscribers since my Jan 1984 issue when everyone got them. If you know of any station rebroadcasting OTR with a host (not syndicated) please send details. Also please send names of reputable dealers whom you buy from so I can add them if necessary. Also send updated info on pubs and clubs as well as new logs.

Many thanks for the holiday cards. Karen & I hope you all had a very happy holiday. Greg Jackson sent a 1927 Christmas seal-the oldest yet.

Effective with this first issue of the new year, HELLO AGAIN will be printed rather than mimeographed. To partially offset the cost a year's subscription will now be \$10. It will still be sent first class. Flyers will now be \$20. They should be 8 1/2 by 11, #20 weight paper or less. I will repeat flyers if there is room. New flyers will take precedence.

CONVENTION '86: Dates are Oct. 24-25 at the Holiday Inn North, Newark. Our first committee meeting is Feb. 9th. Details worked out will be in Apr. issue of HA. We are planning to have an ad book again so get your ads together but don't mail anything yet.

CONVENTION '85: KEN PILETIC will have the video tapes of the convention ready as soon as possible. Please be patient.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: WQXR-AM & FM in NYC is airing episodes of Jack Benny once a week. Distribution rights are held by Robert Michaelson Inc. of NYC...Howard McIlwraith Lockhart is the world's longest serving broadcaster according to BBC Scotland. He recently retired at the age of 73 after 62 years of broadcasting...WBAI just celebrated the 10th anniversary of the GOLDEN AGE OF RADIO. JACK SHUGG and MAX SCHMID hosted an all-day reminiscing event with guests in the studio and on the phone. Jack and Max have always supported our convention and I think it would be nice to support the program. Tax-deductable donations may be sent to Golden Age of Radio, WBAI, Box 505, 8th ave., 19th floor, NYC, NY 10018.

ARLENE FRANCIS will continue with WOR with a once-a-week lunchtime special. Arlene has been with WOR for 25 years. She was one of the stars on BETTY AND BOB.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: NARA NEWS; Autumn; articles on Gale Gordon and Phillips H Lord...ILLUSTRATED PRESS; Dec; article on types of open-reel decks...GOLDEN YEARS OF RADIO and TV; latest; articles on Andy Devine, Gloria Henry, sci fi on radio, Jimmy Dorsey, Curley Bradley...SPERDVAC RADIOGRAM; Dec; article on Walt Gibson...RETURN WITH US NOW, Jan; details on OTR convention in Denver on June 7th, 1986. Cost is \$12.50 which includes dinner. Make checks out to RHAC and send to Box 1109, Westminster, CO 80030...SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY; Jan; article on big bands and Christmas and radio...NOSTALGIA DIGEST, Feb-Mar; articles on Spotlight Bands and Ralph Edwards.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES: An update to Technical Guide to Collecting OTR available from Bob Burnham, if you have the book, for a SASE. If no book, send \$1.00. Send to BB, Box 39522, Redford, MI 48239...New pulp fanzine is



IF BOX IS CHECKED, \$10 IS DUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

GOLDEN PERILS. This has a section on old-time radio. Cost is \$18 a year for 6 issues. Write to Howard Hopkins, 5 Milliken Rd, Scarborough, ME 04074.

SCARECROW PRESS, Box 4167, Metuchen, NJ 08840 has many books on the performing arts. One is CHILDREN'S TELEVISION: THE FIRST THIRTY-FIVE YEARS, 1946-1981 by George Woolery. This 820-page book is Part 2 of a previous book and deals with live, film and tape series. More than 600 live-action children's series are alphabetically arranged with all information possible. I well recommend it. Two others are: KEEPING SCORE by James Limbacher which is a companion piece to his first book, FILM MUSIC. It covers all movies with music from 1973-1979. It covers composers, scores, awards and all films from 1973-79 plus earlier films just discovered. FILM MUSIC is the largest discography of film music written. Cost is \$30.00. The other book is RADIO AND TELEVISION: A Selected Annotated Bibliography, Supplement 1 by William McCavitt. This is a follow up to his basic volume with 1100 listings. This has 566 entries of all books written mainly between 1976-81 covering all aspects of radio and television. There is a brief description plus all other information about each book. Cost is \$15.00. Both are well recommended. Send for a free catalog from SCARECROW PRESS.

A NEW PUBLICATION: I have embarked on an ambitious project and have compiled a listing of all available complete network and syndicated shows. All information is on the enclosed flyer.

LOGS: I have a complete ILAM log (10/2/39-12/26/52). It was originally presented by David Wedin in 1974. It should clarify some of the dates of isolated episodes available. For instance, only 4 series were aired in 1939. Cost is \$1.00...As mentioned last issue I have a computerized list of over 320 books that I own related to the Performing Arts including 50 books on OTR. It includes name, author, publisher, copyright date, and area of interest (music, movies, TV, etc.). Cost is \$1.00...The next supplement for my Collector's list is out for a SASE (#105-113). The entire list is \$3.00.

THE TAPE DECK: DAVID EASTER has an alternative to the lack of tape decks--use the audio part of a VCR. If you want a two-page discussion on this written by David Easter, send me a SASE.

NEW ADDRESSES: GARY YOGGY, 72 Bissell Ave, Corning, NY 14830...STEVE SCOTT, 19341 Hottinger Cir, Germantown, MD 20874

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: BILL OLIVER, 516 Third St. NE, Massillon, OH 44646...RALPH REKEMEYER, RR#3, DeWitt, IA 52742...DAVID VOGLER, 3950 Hickory Hill Dr., Col. Springs, CO 80906...GEORGE DIRSKO, 24 Oak St., Springvale, ME 04083...BOB MORGAN, 4005 Pitman Rd., College Park, GA 30349...GARY SHADLE, 3028 Northwood Blvd., Orlando, FL 32803...KERBY SHEDDEN, 28005 Eldorado, Lathrup Village, MI 48076...GEORGE MEISTER, 2459 Williams Ave, Norwood, OH 45212 wants Freddie Martin's "Now and Forever," an arrangement of Tschaikowsky's "Pathetique Symphony," on cassette...JOHN D'ORAZIO, 60 Orange St, Bloomfield, NJ 07003...HARRY NEINER, 67 Harneywold Dr, St. Louis, MO 63136

OLD FRIENDS: A year ago DICK HAYES, 59 Myrtle Ave., Cranston, RI 02910 received word of a coming sale of a very large number of 10" and 12" private custom recordings (transcriptions) to a collector/dealer in NYC by a man living in or near Millbrae, CA. Among others, there were a number of Kate

Smith broadcasts and air-checks. Does anyone know anything about these items? Also, are there any WE THE PEOPLE programs about on which Kate Smith guests (other than the 5/45 one with Irving Berlin)? Also looking for the elusive SINGING SAM, THE BARBASOL MAN shows. Dick also wants a videotape STAGE SHOW with the Dorsey Bros. for 3/12/55 and 5/7/55...BOB BURNHAM is hosting a big band show for Bill Bragg's Nat'l Broadcast Museum Satellite station. It can be received anywhere on a satellite dish. It is heard every 15 hours or so.

PHIL EVANS, Box 136, Bakersfield, CA 93302 wants copies of any roasts where Al Jolson is being roasted or is a speaker. Phil is writing a book and is doing research on Al Jolson...PETER HOLLIS, 1107 Robert Rd., Wilson, NC 27893 is offering THE NEWS OF 1981 for the appropriate quantity of tape (for cassette or reel) with return postage. It runs 17 C90 cassettes or approximately 12 and one half hours. THE NEWS OF 1980 is still available on the same basis...LEE MUNSICK, 20 Harriet Dr., Whippany, NJ 07981 seeking videos of early radio, TV, movies, big band items especially ARTHUR GODFREY.

ANDY BLATT, 42 Bowling Green, Staten Island, NY 10314 has 2 nearly-new Sanyo cassette decks (still under warranty) for \$55 each including shipping...JOE WEBB (Nostalgia Warehouse) is selling out. Write to him at Box 268, Glen Cove, NY 11543 for list of what's available. (It's possible that by now he is about sold out)...TERRY SALOMONSON, Box 1135, St. Charles, MO 63302, author of the Lone Ranger Log, now has the log on diskette for IBM of MS-Dos compatible. This is the first log available this way. Details will follow when known...TOM SALOME, 196 Lawrence Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11230 wants copy of Tune in Yesterday by John Dunning; also all 5-part YTJD. Will trade four reels for every one received in broadcast order. Tom now taking SASE for cassette catalog due in Feb. Prices will be \$2.00 for 2 shows.

BRUCE RUGGLES, Box 1256, North Bay, Ontario P1B 8K5 wants complete good-sounding run of DIMENSION X and the rest of SUSPENSE that he doesn't have. Will exchange blank tape-doesn't trade any more...TOM HEATHWOOD, Box 16, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167 wants good clean copy of SCREEN GUILD THEATER'S "1984"...BOB FLATTER, 3126 N 12th St, Wausau, WI 54401 has over 7000 big band remotes, AFRS material and network and syndicated shows (all bands). He will exchange catalogs with those with similar interests and shows to trade.

MEL SIMONS, whom I have known since 1970, is still keeping very busy. Besides entertaining every weekend he now has over 65,000 shows and is one of the foremost trivia experts around. Mel is VP of the RADIO COLLECTORS OF AMERICA who meet once a month in Quincy, Mass. He has been a regular on the Larry Glick show on WBZ for the past 8 1/2 years and a regular on the Ken Meyer Show on WBZ for the past 6 1/2 years. Mel also announces a weekly wrestling show on television every week called INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING...RAY NEMEC, 1424 Heatherton Dr, Naperville, IL 60540 wants any information on FAYE & CLEO who were on NBC in the 30's including their last names...PEG LYNCH, High St, Becket, MA 01223 still very busy just having been in London and Brazil. She is slowly transferring 100 ETHEL AND ALBERT kinescopes on to video tape. She has 100 and is looking for more.

IN FOND MEMORY: FLOYD RAY, Nov 19, 76; Big band leader...JIM YOUNG, Apr 7, 76; actor, producer & director...BILL SCOTT, Nov 29, 65; voice of cartoon

characters (BULLWINKLE, DUDLEY DO RIGHT)...HARRY HARVEY, Nov 27, 84; char. actor...IRA ASHLEY, Nov 18, 75; well-known producer-director for CBS Radio (GRAND CENTRAL STATION). Ira was a frequent guest at our convention...WALT GIBSON, Dec 5, 88. Walt, the creator of THE SHADOW, was a frequent guest at our convention. Anthony Tollin will have a tribute to Walt in the next issue...HOWARD RODMAN, Dec 4, 65; TV and radio writer (American School of the Air)...BURR TILLSTROM, Dec 6, 68; creator of Kukla, Fran & Ollie...CALVIN JACKSON, Nov 28, 66; well-known jazz pianist and film score arranger.

DOUG STORER, Dec 4, 86; author (Amazing but True series) and creator of Ripley's (Believe it or Not) on radio...LEO CORDAY, Nov 29, 83; lyricist (There's no Tomorrow, Leapfrog)...ANNE BAXTER, Dec 12, 62; well-known actress...IAN STEWART, Dec 12, 47; one of the founders of the Rolling Stones...OSWALDO FARRES, Dec 22, 83; Cuban composer (Come Closer to Me)...SAM GILMAN, Dec 3, 70; actor...MARY MAYO, Dec 14, 61; singer...CHARLES KISCO, Dec 6, 89; pianist-composer (It's a Lonesome Old Town)...RICKY NELSON, Dec 31, 45; well-known entertainer...DON MARTIN, Dec. 24, 74; film and TV writer...BENNIE MARTIN, Dec. 28, 78; jazz trombonist...ELSIE MCWILLIAMS, Dec 30, 89; sister-in-law of Jimmie Rodgers and co-writer of 25 songs (Blue Yodel)

UNA MERKEL, Jan 2, 82; actress...SAM SPIEGEL, Dec 31, 84; well-known film producer...JOSEPH ORIOLO, Dec 25, 72; creator of Casper and Mighty Hercules...HERBERT MAGIDSON, Jan 2, 79; lyricist (THE CONTINENTAL)...DONNA REED, Jan 14, 64; well-known actress...EDWARD WARREN WALSH, Jan 12, 55; TV writer and director...DAVID EWEN, Dec 28, 78; author of many books on music...ALBERT ALEY, Jan 1, 66; TV writer and producer...GORDON MACREA, Jan 24, 64; well-known entertainer and radio actor (RAILROAD HOUR)...JOEL SEBASTIAN, Jan 17, 53; announcer, radio and TV personality...LILLI PALMER, Jan 27, 71; well-known actress...LEIF ERICKSON, Jan 29, 74; well-known actor...GERTRUDE (TRUDY) WARNER, Jan 26; well-known radio actress who was a guest at our convention. Trudy was best known for playing Margot Lane on 275 episodes of THE SHADOW. She was the female companion of several men including Ellery Queen and Perry Mason...GRADY WATTS, Jan 8, 77; trumpeter and composer (BLUE CHAMPAGNE).

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JAY HICKERSON, Box C, Orange, CT 06477 (203) 248-2887; 795-6261 \$10/year